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SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it has been said here that the reason we are putting this in DAS is because the people are there. They can handle it. Well if the people are there and they can handle it, why do we have to hire all the new people that Senator Goll just named? And if there is an amendment to lower the cost, it is the old shell game of now you see it, now you don't and pretty soon you wake up and you say, where did it go, because they will be back in next year. They will say, well we've got this started, it is doing such a good job, we can't let it go down the tube now. Now out of this, I'm going to talk on the \$470,000, how many farmers are we going to hire that are going broke? How many of the unemployed are we going to hire? None, out of this state money. Not one person that is hurting now are we going to take this state money and hire them. So what is down the future? You can stand up here and say, well it is going to do wonderful things for the State of Nebraska, just you wait and see, just wait and see. Well just look and see what all of the other new agencies and bureaucracies we have created have cost us over the past years because once it starts it never stops. So I support the kill motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I would like to respond to just a couple of the objections that have been raised here. I had a meeting of a group of interested people in western Nebraska the last time I was home a few weeks ago and I raised the question that some of you are raising here, and I asked them at the time, do you think this is an appropriate thing for government to get involved in? And the President of the Western Nebraska United Chambers of Commerce stood up and said, "yes it is." And I said, "Well give me something to help me support that." And he said, "Well we think we have a lot of opportunity to bring high tech industry in from the front range of Colorado and we have a couple of colleges out here that we think we can offer retraining to some of the farm population who are looking to the need to relocate themselves. We think we have some resources out here that we can take advantage of